

Service Date: November 23, 1982

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER of the Application of)	UTILITY DIVISION
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO. for)	
Authority to Implement the Gas Cost)	DOCKET NO. 82.4.30
Tracking Procedure to Establish)	
Increased Rates for Gas Service.)	✓ ORDER NO. 4908b

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ORDER ON MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

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FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On October 13, 1982, the Commission issued Order No. 4908a in this Docket, which disposed of all matters then pending.
2. On October 15, 1982, the Montana-Dakota Utilities Company filed a Motion for Reconsideration, which stated that the Company could not comply with the requirement that the Company in its next request discuss a 12-month, as opposed to the current tracking procedure.
3. As an alternative, the Company suggested that an annual tracking procedure should be discussed in the tracking case to be filed in the Spring of 1983.
4. No party took exception to the Motion for Reconsideration.
5. The Commission accepts the reasons given by the Company for postponing a discussion of an annual tracking procedure.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Montana-Dakota Utilities Company is a public utility within the meaning of Montana Law, Sections 69-3-301 and 69-3-601(3), MCA.

2. The Montana Public Service Commission properly exercises jurisdiction over the Applicant's operations pursuant to Title 69, Chapter 3, MCA.

ORDER

The Motion for Reconsideration is HEREBY GRANTED.


The Montana-Dakota Utilities is HEREBY ORDERED to include in its Spring, 1983 tracking case, a discussion of an annual gas cost tracking procedure.

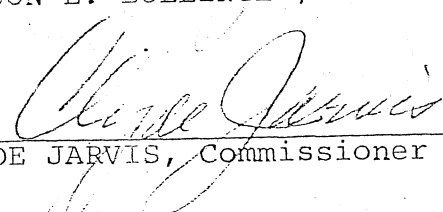
All other portions of Order No. 4908a remain in effect.


DONE AND DATED this 18th day of October, 1982, by a vote of

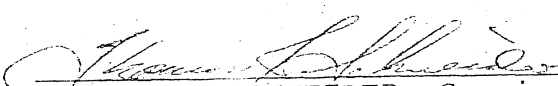
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BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.



GORDON E. BOLLINGER, Chairman


CLYDE JARVIS, Commissioner


HOWARD L. ELLIS, Commissioner


THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Madeline L. Cottrill
Commission Secretary

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